

I would like to express my concern about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

One of the cherished values in our country is a free, fair and unbiased press. Unfortunately Sinclair's actions, if they air this movie, would be in violation of these values.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. There is a danger to large corporations, such as Sinclair, controlling so much of the media as it can lead to partisan programs being aired. The press has an obligation to report accurately to its viewers and should not be swayed by the partisan politics of its owners.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process should require media owners to demonstrate the ability to report news accurately, and unbiasedly. Thank you.